

Historic Preservation Commission  
BOROUGH OF CLOSTER, NEW JERSEY  
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
Monday,  
January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2012

Ms. Rothschild, Chair called the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission of the Borough of Closter, New Jersey held on Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2012 in the Council Chambers of the Borough Hall to order at 8:12PM. She stated that the meeting was being held in compliance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey and had been advertised in the newspaper according to law. Ms. Rothschild invited all persons present to join the Board in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following HPC members were present at the meeting:

Ms. Rothschild  
Ms. Stella  
Ms. Bouton Goldberg  
Ms. Rubinfeld-Waldron  
Mr. Tobia  
Mr. Lobosco  
Ms. Macchiavelli  
Mr. Kashwick (Council Liaison)

The following HPC members were absent from the meeting:

Mr. Adriance  
Mr. Radick

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Oaths of Office were administered to Ms. Rothschild (class B, 4-year term), Ms. Stella (class B, 4-year term) & Ms. Macchiavelli (class C, alternate member, 2-year term).

Motion was made by Ms. Stella and seconded by Ms. Goldberg to nominate Ms. Rothschild as Commission Chair. Motion was made by Ms. Goldberg and seconded by Mr. Lobosco to nominate Ms. Stella as Commission Vice-Chair. Motion was made by Ms. Stella and seconded by Ms. Waldron to nominate Ms. Mitchell as Commission secretary. All present were in favor of (3) nominations mentioned.

Motion was made by Ms. Stella and seconded by Mr. Lobosco to designate the Bergen Record for legal noticing for the 2012 calendar year. All present were in favor.

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**Approval of Minutes**

Motion was made by Ms. Stella and seconded by Ms. Goldberg to approve minutes of November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011. All present were in favor of approval.

**Open Meeting to the Public**

No comments at this time.

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**Correspondence List**

INCOMING/ OUTGOING- Both incoming and outgoing mail lists were mentioned. Decision was made to discuss "Rosenbloom correspondence" later in meeting. Commission briefly discussed correspondence regarding realtor request.

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## **2011 Accomplishments**

The Commission discussed items accomplished/completed such as establishment of the Historic element to the Borough's Master Plan; Street Signs; Installation of cemetery fencing; Lustron Exhibit; Designation of 119 Hickory Lane; Moving forward on Designation of AME Zion Church. Ms. Waldron will generate list regarding classes/courses attended by Commission members.

### **Old Business:**

#### **1-Designation of Centennial AME Zion Church:**

Review will take place at the Planning Board's February 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.

#### **2- Street Signs**

Ms. Stella reported that signs would be delivered in February. The Commission continued to discuss street signs.

**3- Cemetery-** Ms. Stella reported that the DPW has continued to clean site.

#### **4- Zoning Board Applications**

Ms. Rothschild reported that 247 West Street will be appearing before the Zoning Board in February.

#### **5- Future proposals for designation**

**151 West Street-** No further report

**Borough Hall-** Ms. Rothschild will prepare nomination report. The goal is to have report done by February.

**Nagel/Auryansen Cemetery-** No report at this time. (Mr. Adriance was absent)

**1 Station Court-** No further report. Ms. Stella spoke of e-mail correspondence received from property owner. Commission continued to discuss 1 Station Court.

### **Liaison Reports**

**Council-** Mr. Kashwick reiterated that the Council referred AME Zion Church designation to Planning Board.

**Planning Board-** Ms. Stella stated that a recent application was approved for soil movement purposes.

**Improvement Commission-** Ms. Stella spoke of dumpster paintings to be done by students.

**Environmental Commission-** Mr. Kashwick spoke of proposal to set up bee gardens at the Buzzoni Park. Ms. Rothschild commented on same stating that the current bee ordinance would have to be changed.

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**Sign Ordinance Committee-** Mr. Lobosco's stated that the next meeting would take place on January 24<sup>th</sup>.

**New Business:**

- 1- **2012 Commission Goals-** Some suggestions spoken of by Ms. Stella were as follows: Historic info along with new signs installed: Designation of the train station and Borough Hall; Condition of Village School and Abram Demeree Homestead; Stone House tour; Landscape improvement to the entrance of cemetery; "Talks with Toby" at senior center. Suggestion was made by Ms. Goldberg to install sign on street where Mr. Davida resides. Ms. Goldberg stated that High Street should be included in thought process for designation. Mr. Lobosco spoke of consideration for designation of the movie theatre. Suggestion was made to also consider DTR service station for designation and to nominate the Bradbury house (292 West Street) for a Bergen County Award. Other goals mentioned were to prepare Historic Preservation brochure; and to work with schools/students. Ms. Stella spoke of suggestions on how to best reach goals.
- 2- **Moving of historical items-** It may not be available to have enough space in library (for purposes of storage of Historical documents) The Commission discussed other options for storage (such as public schools, etc.). "Digital storage" was suggested by Ms. Macchiavelli. Commission continued to discuss archiving Historic Documents.
- 3- **Display Cases at Senior Center-** Remains as a future goal.
- 4- **Continuing Education-** Ms. Rothschild reported that she will be attending class regarding photography for Historic Preservation.
- 5- **Village School & Demaree Homestead Maintenance-** At this time, letter has not been sent out to owner of Village School regarding concerns/condition of building.

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**Other:**

Decision was made to send letter to Mr. Davida. Ms. Waldron will draft letter. The Commission discussed correspondence received from Mr. Rosenbloom regarding Historic website. Decision was made to change wording from "creation" to "design". Ms. Rothchild will prepare letter and send to Mr. Rosenbloom clarifying change. Ms. Rothschild and Commission welcomed Ms. Macchiavelli.

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Motion was made by Ms. Goldberg and seconded by Mr. Tobia to adjourn meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 9:26PM.

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Prepared by Rose Mitchell